

17 November 1954

The Honorable Sherman Adams  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sherm:

I enclose a copy of the letter which I received from General Christiansen who heads the staff members of General Clark's Task Force. According to our understanding, I am asking clearance for Colonel Herman O. Lane, who, together with General Clark, will look at the covert side of our shop as previously agreed upon. I am also asking for clearances for Robert J. Foley, Colonel Eugene L. Miller, and John L. McGruder, who are going into the so-called overt side of our organization. Here also a clearance is required because special intelligence is processed by many sections on the overt side.

In addition to General Clark's and Colonel Lane's work on the covert side of CIA, I understand that Admiral Richard L. Conolly will be the Task Force member assigned to the overt side of CIA. The other Task Force and staff members will devote their attention to other intelligence activities, particularly of the Armed Services, NSA, State Department, etc. Undoubtedly both Clark and Conolly had special clearances and I would assume that there was no problem about having these renewed if they have expired. General Christiansen, as his letter indicates, has already been cleared for special intelligence.

Pending word from you, I understand you wish no action with regard to further special clearances either of members of the Task Force itself or of the staff members.

Sincerely,

/s/  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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cc: DD/P

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Mr. Sheldon

Mr. Carey

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**P.S. I enclose brief Personal History Statements covering the four persons for whom we are asking security clearance as indicated above.**

**A. W. D.**

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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The Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N.W.  
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Dulles:

It develops that the Task Force on Intelligence Activities in the Federal Government under the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government in the conduct of its study will require access on a need-to-know basis to classified information on communication intelligence.

It would, therefore, be appreciated if you would secure a Special Communication Intelligence security clearance without reservation for the following members and staff of the Task Force on Intelligence Activities:

Gen. Mark W. Clark  
Adm. Richard L. Conolly  
Mr. Henry Kearns  
Ernest F. Hollings  
Capt. Edward V. (Eddie) Rickenbacker  
Dr. Donald S. Russell

Staff Members

Col. John J. Dubbelde, Jr.  
✓ Robert J. Foley  
✓ Col. Eugene L. Miller *US ARMY*  
✓ John L. McGruder  
✓ Col. Herman O. Lane  
Dorothy H. Davis  
Brig. Gen. R.P. Ovenshine

It is understood that General Christiansen has been cleared for access to Communication Intelligence.

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